

**Virginia Department of Health  
Division of Disease Prevention, Tuberculosis Control & Prevention**

**Guidance for Use of Purified Protein Derivative (PPD) Solution and Interferon-Gamma Release Assays (IGRAs)**

Supplies of PPD solution have now improved so that restrictions on the use of PPD solution can be lifted for local health departments. Nationally, supplies remain tight. Virginia is still receiving its monthly amount of PPD solution on an allocation basis, but the monthly supply allocation quantity has increased.

To ensure that PPD is reserved for the highest priority testing activities, the following guidance has been updated for use by local health districts.

As always, tuberculin skin testing should be based on VDH policies and practice (TB Risk Assessment Form Instructions TB512) using the risk assessment tool. Only those individuals with an identified risk for acquiring TB infection or progressing to active disease should be tested.

Evaluation of contacts should be carefully considered to assure that only appropriate contacts are evaluated and tested.

<b>Client Type</b>	<b>Test Type</b>	<b>TB Control Subsidy for IGRA</b>	<b>Additional Comments</b>
Cases/Suspects	IGRA or TST	Yes	Call to report use of IGRA to TB Control
Contacts	TST IGRA may be considered for special populations	Yes, if special population of concern	Call to request authorization for IGRA use
Refugees	IGRA except children under age 5	Yes, by Newcomer Health Program	Follow Newcomer Health directions for submitting refugee screening billing. No prior authorization required.
Children	Risk Assessment, TST, or IGRA	<b>No</b>	Testing based on risk assessment results. Districts may opt to subsidize IGRA cost and offer sliding scale pricing for IGRA testing.
Others	Risk assessment, TST or IGRA	<b>No</b>	Testing based on risk assessment results. Districts may opt to subsidize IGRA cost and offer sliding scale pricing for IGRA testing.

1. To request TB Control payment for any IGRA testing described in the chart above, **please call 804 864-7906 prior to testing.**
2. Authorization for TB Control payment for contacts will be limited to selected populations. Examples include HIV-infected and other immune suppressed contacts and the homeless.
3. For contact investigations, the same methodology used in the first round of testing should be used in the second round of testing as supplies and funding permit.

- a. **Districts must call TB Control (804-864-7906) to request approval** of IGRA use for 2<sup>nd</sup> round testing. Districts should be able to provide an estimated number of tests during the call.